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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: Khrushchev's Visit to France
(Memorandum for the USIN, dated 11 March 1960)

1. The postponement of Khrushchev's trip to France until March 23 does not in any substantial way change the thrust and conclusion of the original memorandum.

2. Khrushchev's illness seems to have been gripe with a touch of diplomatic pique. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] The revised itinerary is shorter and omits certain features of the first plan, particularly the proposed visit to Algeria, and some other sight-seeing trips. Mention of a possible trip to the Algerian oilfields should probably be excised from paragraph 5 of the original memorandum.

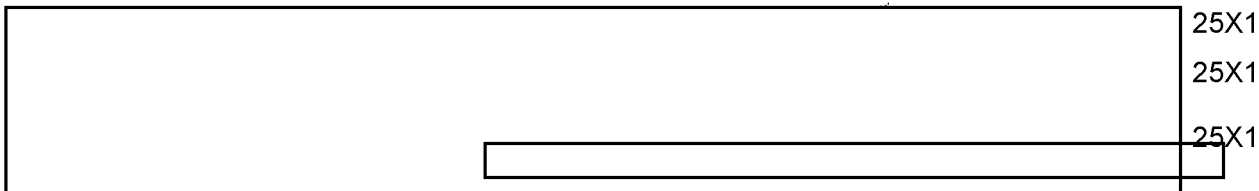
3. The suggestion in paragraph 2 of the original memorandum that de Gaulle would resist any attempt by Khrushchev to weaken Franco-German ties seems to be borne out by a recently

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an offer of time for de Gaulle to settle the Algerian war. Subsequently, however, the French Communist Party has loudly denounced the hardening in de Gaulle's policy towards the rebels.

4. We believe that as a result of the postponement the chances of unpleasant disorders taking place during the visit have increased, although such chances are still slight.* The

* De Gaulle's refusal to convene Parliament may provide a pretext for some demonstrations, though it is in fact an issue quite unrelated to the Khrushchev visit.

vocal and strident groups which have opposed the invitation to Khrushchev contain many of the same agitators who have demonstrated against de Gaulle's Algerian policy. Khrushchev's insistence on changes in his itinerary have given their protests new intensity. However, most of these groups are under tight police surveillance.

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